GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Treatment in Tuberculosis
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Indian Tuberculosis policy continues to recommend the use of Category II treatment regimens containing streptomycin despite recommendations of drug susceptibility test for those at risk of MDR TB; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): Retreatment or Previously treated TB patients, who have taken anti TB drugs for one month or more in the past, and are now diagnosed with Tuberculosis, are given category II treatment regimen under Revised national Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) provided they are not suffering from MDR TB.
However under RNTCP these patients are considered as at risk of MDR TB and are therefore also required to undergo baseline Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) so that based on the DST result appropriate treatment is continued.
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